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## **WHITE PLAINS YOUTH COURT ENTERS SECOND YEAR Program Seeks New Recruits for Summer Training**

The White Plains Youth Bureau, in cooperation with the White Plains Cares Coalition, will be training 30 youth this summer as part of its Community Youth Court Program. Training will start on July 6 and go through August 10. Upon graduating from the training in September, the youth will serve as court professionals. This year trainees will serve on their first juvenile delinquency case as part of the training experience. Applications are being accepted through July 1st.

The training to become a youth court member involves 6 weeks of instructional and hands-on preparation. The training is administered by program staff, City and County Court Justices, local law enforcement and legal professionals.

“The experience provided by this Youth Court will have a positive and long-term impact on the teens who participate because it will give them an opportunity to see firsthand all aspects of our legal system. Participation requires commitment and dedication. It makes me especially proud to see these young people graduate, for they are great examples of those characteristics, and this Youth Court is a great example of the kind of positive opportunities we try to provide for youth here in White Plains,” said Mayor Roach.



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Within the Court's first year, 100% of all the youth that were trained to handle youth court cases passed their final bar exam, graduated from the program and remained in service throughout the 2012-2013 school year. The program has also partnered with over 20 city and county-based agencies and professionals including City Court Judge Jo Ann Friia, City Court Judge Barbara Leak, County Family Court Justice Kathie E. Davidson, the White Plains Police Department, the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, the Westchester County Attorney's Office, the Westchester County Department of Probation, Pace Law School, and Berkeley College.

The goal of the Youth Court is to promote positive peer leadership and youth development amongst teens 13-18 years old. The Court's youth members recommend community service projects for juvenile delinquency cases referred to the program by the Westchester County Department of Probation.

To receive an application interested students should contact Chanelle Hyde at 914-422-1378 or via email at [Chyde@whiteplainsny.gov](mailto:Chyde@whiteplainsny.gov).

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